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Project Title: **HARVEST (Locations Southwest & Production Services)**

Project Lead: Linda Barwick

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Deadline for receipt of responses: **March 28, 2005 (SHORT TURN AROUND DUE TO
FILMING SOONER, NO TIME FOR
THREE WEEK REVIEWS.**

Required Reviews:

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
ARIZONA STRIP FIELD OFFICE
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW**

CX-AZ-110-2005-0036

PROJECT TITLE: HARVEST (Locations Southwest & Production Services) AZA-33076

PROJECT LEAD: Linda Barwick

PROPOSED ACTION: Harvest is proposing to film a television commercial, "Airwaves," for Wrigley's Gum. The filming will **take place on the 4th through the 9th of April**, with backup days of the 10th and 11th. The proposed location is the canyon rim area near Honeymoon Point near Marble Canyon, Arizona. Activities will consist of a temporary jump ramp, set-up of one temporary set of grand stand seats and an announcer's stand and a filming scaffold. The sets are free standing with some water barrels and sandbagging for stabilization. The scaffold will be an 8 X 8 foot platform 15 –20 feet tall, for a camera tower. Extras will consist of between 110 and 160 people bused in from Page, Arizona. Off-limit areas will be flagged. A detailed drawing of prop set up and locations is in the case file.

Major staging with catering, restrooms, RVs, set preparation and parking will be on adjacent private property with owners' permission. There will be an EMT from the Page fire department on site. The set area will be monitored, day and night, by a security person. A helicopter will be used on the first day and Harvest is working with the FAA for clearance. Applicant is aware of and will observe the flight advisory over wilderness. There is no need for the helicopter to be flying north of Hwy. 89A. There will be no pyrotechnics. The total number of crew members at the shooting location will be between 20 to 155 on various days.

Access to the location will be by way of the established dirt road from the old lodge at Marble Canyon.

A certificate of insurance has been received. A performance bond in the amount of \$2,000 has been paid and will be held pending reclamation. The area has been used before for filming and is used for camping, sightseeing, etc.

There is a possibility of another commercial, "Goggles," being filmed at the site during the same timeframe. This location is close to the BLM/private land boundary and is likely completely on private land. Props would consist of fake saguaro cactus and parachute to look as if a parachuter has just landed. Rented plants would be brought to the site which have passed inspection by L.A. County and at the California border crossing. If this commercial is filmed, the rental would be adjusted for the additional personnel on site. Props would be used, but no set construction would take place with this commercial.

LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTION: The area is located in the following area:

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Coconino County, Arizona
T. 39 N., R. 7 E.,
sec. 4, NWNESE.
5.00 acres, more or less

PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW: The proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with the Arizona Strip District Resource Management Plan and Standards and Guidelines RMP Amendments (1998). The proposed action **is** in conformance with the RMP. Decision **LR23** provides to evaluate land use authorizations (rights-of-way, permits, leases, easements) on a case-by-case basis in accordance with decisions established in the Resource Management Plan and National Environmental Policy Act analysis.

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW: The proposed action is categorically excluded under 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4.**E(19)** which provides for the issuance of short-term (3 years or less) rights-of-way or land use authorizations for such uses as storage sites, apiary sites, and construction sites where the proposal includes rehabilitation to restore the land to its natural or original condition.

The proposal has been reviewed to determine if any of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply. Surname(s) verify completion of this review by appropriate specialists.

NAME **LIST OF EXCLUSION CRITERIA** *Assign surnames for determination under each below*

- LBarwick 1. The proposal would have no adverse effects on public health or safety: *Identify the effect if any*
- TFolks 2. The proposal would not adversely affect unique geographic characteristics such as park, recreation, or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wilderness study areas, wild and scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks: *Identify the area that would be affected if any*
- JHerron 3. The proposal would have no adverse effects on historic or cultural resources: *Identify the effect if any*
- LBarwick 4. The proposal would have no highly controversial environmental effects: *Identify the effect if any*
- LBarwick 5. The proposal would have no highly uncertain or potentially significant environmental effects nor does it involve unique or unknown environmental risks: *Identify the effect if any*
- LBarwick 6. The proposal would not establish a precedent for future action or represents a decision in principle about a future consideration with potentially significant environmental effects: *Identify the effect if any*
- LBarwick 7. The proposal is not directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant effects: *Identify the other actions and their effects if any*
- JHerron 8. The proposal would not adversely affect properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places: *Identify the effect if any*
- LHughes 9. The proposal would not adversely affect a plant species listed or proposed to be listed on the list of endangered and threatened species, nor have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species: *Identify the species and effect if any*

MHerder 10. The proposal would not adversely affect an animal species listed or proposed to be listed on the list of endangered and threatened species, nor have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species: *Identify the species and effect if any*

LBarwick 11. The proposal would not require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) or Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands). *Identify the order and effect if any*

MHerder 12. The proposal would not require compliance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act: *Identify the effect if any*

GBenson 13. The proposal does not threaten to violate a federal, state, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment: *Identify the law and effect if any*

LFord 14. The proposal is in conformance with the Arizona Strip District Resource Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement (January, 1992)

DECISION: We have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposal is in conformance with the approved land use plan, that it would have no significant environmental effects, and that no further environmental analysis is required.

REVIEWED BY: _____ **DATE:** _____
Environmental Coordinator - Arizona Strip

IT IS MY DECISION TO IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSAL, AS DESCRIBED, WITH THE STIPULATIONS IN THE ATTACHMENT.

APPROVED BY: _____ **DATE:** _____
Field Manager - Arizona Strip

SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR PERMIT AZA-33076

1. A performance bond in the amount of \$2,000.00 will be deposited ~~to~~by the Arizona Strip Field Office to ensure that the location is returned to its original state. This ~~may~~will include removal of all set/~~prop~~ materials, ~~equipment, construction materials~~seeding, and ~~hand~~raking out tire tracks and foot prints. The bond would be a company check made out to the DOI, BLM and will be returned to the filming company as a government check issued from Denver Federal Center, when the reclamation has been completed and approved by the authorized officer.
2. The holder shall conduct all activities associated with the operation and termination of the permit within the authorized limits of the permit.
3. Use areas shall be maintained in a sanitary condition at all times; waste materials at those areas shall be disposed of promptly at an appropriate waste disposal site. "Waste" means all discarded matter including, but not limited to, human waste, trash, garbage, refuse, oil drums, petroleum products, ashes, and equipment.
4. The BLM reserves the right to take photographs of any aspect of filming operations for official case file records.
5. No staging areas or off-road vehicle use are authorized.
6. No use of the Six Mile Wash overlook area is authorized. Activities proposed at this site have been relocated to Honeymoon Point. All terms and conditions shall also apply to the Goggles production where any part of this production is on BLM administered land.
7. ~~All~~A vehicle ~~y~~-tracks from parking alongside the established road ~~and foot prints/foot paths~~ shall be hand raked upon completion of the filming.
8. Permittee shall be responsible for the supervision of all participants, spectators, and other persons associated with the activity, and will be responsible for public safety on-site.
9. Permittee shall be responsible for ensuring adequate sanitation facilities for participants are provided.
10. Any sub-surface archaeological, historical, or paleontological remains discovered during use shall be left intact; all work in the area shall stop immediately and the Field Manager shall be notified immediately. Recommencement of work shall be allowed upon clearance by the Field Manager in consultation with the Archaeologist.
11. An additional archaeological survey shall be required in the event the proposed project location is changed, or additional surface disturbing activities are added to the project after the initial survey. Any such survey would have to be completed prior to commencement of the project.
12. If in connection with use any human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects or objects of cultural patrimony are defined in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (P. L. 101-601; 104 Stat. 3048; 25 U.S.C. 3001) are discovered, the proponent shall stop use in the immediate area of the discovery, protect the remains and objects, and immediately notify the Field Office Manager. The proponent shall continue to protect the immediate area of the discovery until notified by the Authorized Officer that use may resume.
13. Immediately prior to the start of a permitted project, BLM will contact personnel monitoring California condor locations and movements on the Arizona Strip to determine the locations and status of condors in or near the project area.

14. ~~PBLM will request that~~ permit holders shall notify the BLM wildlife team lead or condor biologist if California condors visit the worksite while permitted activities are underway. BLM may request that project activities be modified, relocated, or delayed where adverse affects to condors may result. Compliance with such requests is optional.
15. Where condor nesting activity is known within 0.5 miles of permitted or authorized activities that include operation of heavy machinery, BLM may request that the operator not use the equipment during the active nesting season (February 1 – November 30) as long as the nest is viable. Compliance with such requests is optional.
16. ~~Where condors occur within 1.0 mile of permitted or authorized activities that include blasting, BLM may request that blasting be postponed until the condors leave the area or are hazed away by personnel permitted to haze condors. Where condor nesting activity is known within 1.0 mile of the project area, BLM will request blasting activity be delayed until after the active nesting season (February 1– November 30) as long as the nest is viable. These dates may be modified based on the most current information regarding condor nesting. Compliance with such requests is optional.~~
17. —Aircraft use along the Vermilion Cliffs, Paria Plateau, or any sites where condors are actively breeding or roosting will be minimized to the extent possible. Known active nest sites will be avoided.
- ~~18~~17. The BLM condor biologist or Wildlife Program Lead will contact the Peregrine Fund, as appropriate, immediately before operations involving aviation begin to check on possible locations of condors in the subject area.
- ~~19~~18. ~~All BLM authorized aviation personnel will be provided literature and/or instructed regarding condor concerns prior to conducting aerial operations.~~
- ~~20~~Aircraft will maintain and maximize safe flying separation distances from condors in the air or on the ground unless safety concerns override this restriction. If airborne condors approach aircraft, aircraft will give up airspace to the extent possible, as long as this action does not jeopardize safety. Aircraft will keep a minimum of 0.25 miles away from condors located on the ground.
19. Soil, from the adjacent private land, may be brought onto the filming site at Honeymoon Point for the purpose of leveling the ply-wood ramp. Soil would be spread 1 to 2 inches deep under the ramp, only where necessary.
20. Use of a small hand drill is authorized to drill approximately 20-50 holes, ¼ inch in diameter and 4-5 inches deep for the purpose of installing expansion bolts with rings similar to those used for rappelling. Guys would then be attached to the rings to help anchor the flags alongside the ramp, the two towers, and the pop-ups located behind the bleachers.
21. Once filming is complete, all soil brought onto the site would be removed and all expansion bolts and associated hardware would be removed from the site and the drill holes would be grouted using local soil to match the soil color at Honeymoon Point. The entire area used for the production shall be hand raked to eliminate any sign of Harvest’s use of the area.

